

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 20, 2006

James P. White, Treasurer Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico P.O. Box 94083 Albuquerque, NM 87199

Response Due Date: February 21, 2006

Identification Number: C00020818

Reference:

Amended November Monthly Report (10/1/05 - 10/31/05), received

12/19/05

Dear Mr. White:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above. An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B of your report discloses voided or returned checks for expenditures or reimbursements made to individuals during this or previous reporting periods where an adequate explanation has not been provided. Please clarify if and when these checks were reissued. If these checks were not reissued, please be advised that this may result in an in-kind contribution received by your committee from these individuals and should be reported on Schedules A and B accordingly. Please amend your report to provide further clarification regarding this activity.

- -Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following description: "Entertainment DWTS." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).
- -Schedule H4 of your report discloses a reimbursement(s) to an individual(s) for apparent travel and subsistence advances in which the total amount reimbursed exceeds \$500. When the reimbursement amount to

staff for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by committee staff that make up the reimbursement have to be itemized as memo entries regardless of the amount. Each memo entry must include the complete name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and an adequate purpose. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule H4, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17, and Advisory Opinion 1996-20, footnote 3

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for "2 registration fees – FEC conference," "Supplies for DWTS," "Supplies for DWTS Event," "Office Supplies," "Matting for 2 pictures," "Copy Paper," and "Auction items for DWTS." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, payment to the original vendors must be itemized as memo entries regardless of amount. Each memo entry must include the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule H4, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1301.

Sincerely,

Bradley Decker

Campaign Finance Analyst Reports Analysis Division

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